



**Amendments to the Specification:**

**Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 20, with the following rewritten paragraph:**

Some users of sheet packages hope to form an identification part at a prescribed position on such a package member, read information from the identification part with a sensor of the printer when the sheet package is loaded in the printer, and utilize the information for processes executed by the printer. An example of a sheet package having such a configuration has been disclosed in Japanese Patent Provisional Publication No. ~~HEI1-91958~~ SHO 60-97145. According to the Publication, information on the type of sheets stored in the package member, etc. is indicated by the identification part and the information is read out from the identification part by the printer, by which the control of a print mechanism unit, for example, can be changed depending on the type of the sheets stored in the package member, etc.

**Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 27, with the following rewritten paragraph:**

Fig. 12 is a plan view showing a state in which ~~guide~~ pressing members of the printer are pushing edges of sheets.

**Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 6, with the following rewritten paragraph:**

Fig. 17 is a developed view of a package member forming the sheet package of ~~Fig. 15~~ Fig. 16.

**Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 20, with the following rewritten paragraph:**

The base 62 is equipped with a spring 61S which applies biasing force to the arm 63 in a direction letting the arm 63 protrude from the inner wall 3b (direction indicated by an

arrow in ~~Fig. 3~~Fig. 12). Therefore, when the sheet package 9 is loaded in the sheet storage unit 6, the arm 63 makes contact with side edges of the sheets 7 in the sheet package 9 and thereby presses the sheets 7 against the other inner wall 3c of the sheet storage unit 6, by which the edges of the sheets 7 are evened up and skewing of the sheets 7 is avoided during sheet feeding.

**Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 2, with the following rewritten paragraph:**

The base ~~66-65~~ is equipped with a spring 64S which applies biasing force to the arm 66 in a direction letting the arm 66 protrude from the inner wall 3b (direction indicated by an arrow in Fig. 12). The function of the pressing member 64 is the same as that of the pressing member 61, and thus repeated description thereof is omitted.

**Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 12, line 24, with the following rewritten paragraph:**

Fig. 11 shows a state in which the sheet package 9 has been completely stored in the sheet storage unit 6. In this state, the pressing member 61 in the sheet storage unit 6 rotates in the direction of the arrow shown in Fig. 11 and the arm 63 pushes side edges of the sheets 7. Similarly, the ~~guide-pressing~~ member 64 (see Fig. 12) also rotates and the arm 66 pushes edges of the sheets 7 on the same side.

**Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 12, line 30, with the following rewritten paragraph:**

Fig. 12 shows a state in which the arm 63 of the pressing member 61 and the arm 66 of the ~~guide-pressing~~ member 64 are making contact with the sheets 7 and letting a side face of the sheet package 9 contact the inner wall 3c of the sheet storage unit 6. Fig. 13 is a cross-sectional view taken along the line XIII - XIII shown in Fig. 12. As shown in Fig. 12, the arms 63 and 66 are pushing the edges 7a of the sheets 7 at two positions on the upstream side

and downstream side in the sheet feed direction. By pushing the edges 7a of the sheets 7 at two positions, the sheets 7 can be moved in a mass.

**Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 16, line 15, with the following rewritten paragraph:**

It is also possible to make a cut (for the positioning) into the identification mark 41 printed on the base board 51 of the package member 8 in order to securely fix the position of the sheet package 9 when the sheet package 9 is set in the sheet storage unit 6. Specifically, as shown in Fig. 18(a), a cut (positioning cut) 45 in the shape of "H" may previously be made into a white part ~~41b~~ of the identification mark 41 printed on the base board 51 of a package member 8 like the one shown in Fig. 9 (in Fig. 18, a numeral 41d denotes the white part). In the loading of the sheet package 9 into the printer 1, the user folds tabs 45a outward from the cut 45 as shown in Fig. 18(b) and securely positions the sheet package 9 in the printer 1 by engaging the folded tabs 45a with a part of the printer 1 for a corresponding sensor 40b of the reflective sensor 40 (see Fig. 19).

**Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 17, line 4, with the following rewritten paragraph:**

While the package member 8 in the above embodiment is composed of three consecutive parts (the base board 51, the side board 52 and the top board 53), the package member 8 is not limited to such a configuration. For example, the package member 8 may further include a side board 54 covering the whole side edge 7b of the stack of sheets 7 facing the inner wall ~~35~~3c of the sheet storage unit 6 of the printer 1, as shown in Fig. 15.

**Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 17, line 9, with the following rewritten paragraph:**

It is also possible to remove the side board 52 from the configuration of Fig. 15 to leave only one side board 54 covering one side edge of the sheets 7 extending in the sheet

feed direction (see Fig. 16). Fig. 17 is a developed view of the package member 8 of Fig. 16.

The package member 8 of Fig. 16 can be formed by folding the top board 53 of the package

member 8 of Fig. 17 ~~in a direction indicated by an arrow in Fig. 17~~ at the creases 80 (81, 82)

so that the top board 53 and the base board 51 face each other.